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TITLE OF INVENTION COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING LOCAL RESOURCES

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/011,691

Examiner

Marthe Y. Marc-Coleman

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/28/00.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 30-66.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

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6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review(PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No. 5.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

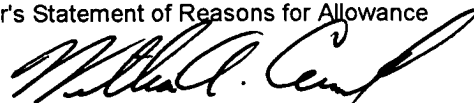
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

U.S. Patent No. 5,682,525 discloses a system for remotely determining the position of a selected category of items of interest in a selected geographic vicinity from a database. A database stores information about a plurality of items of interest, including, for each of the items of interest, positional coordinates, a geographic vicinity, and at least one associated category. A communications link facilitates communications between a user of the system and the database. The system also provides for transmitting a portion of the information in the database to a user via the link upon receipt of a request signal representative of a selected category and geographic vicinity. Preferably, that transmitted portion of the information includes identification of a position for the items of interest within the selected category and geographic vicinity. The system further provides a port for remotely accessing the portion of information via the link. Specifically, the port generates the request signal in response to inputs by a user of the system; that signal being representative of the selected category and geographic vicinity. A user interface at the port accepts the inputs and communicates the position of each of the items of interest in the selected category and geographic vicinity to the user. EP 0 9 143 A2 discloses that in a navigation system (100), a map matching between current position data obtained by measuring a current position of a movable body and map data stored beforehand is carried out, and the current position of the movable body is displayed on a displayed map. The navigation system includes: a first storage device for storing position data indicating positions of facilities, facility type indicating types of the facilities, facility type data indicating types of the facilities, and

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guides marks denoting the facilities; and a second storage device for storing display type data indicating the types of facilities to be displayed on the display map.

None of the above-cited references, either singularly or in combination, teach or fairly suggest:

“storing on an information server computer information data relating to at least one place of interest within the geographical area, said information data including data representative of the spatial coordinates of the place of interest within the areas;

a client computer comprising means for transmitting a map request to a map server computer to request transfer to the client computer map data, and means for transmitting an information request to an information server computer to identify places of interest known to the information server computer and lying within a geographical area”

“superposing information relating to the place of interest on the image on the visual display unit, at a position on the image on the visual display unit, at a position on the image corresponding to the location of the place of interest on the map.”.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted No later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marc-Coleman Marthe whose telephone number is (703) 305-4970. The examiner can be reached from Monday through Friday 5:30AM to 3:00PM.

If any attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Cuchlinski, can be reached at (703) 308-3873

Any inquiry of general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to Group Receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1111.

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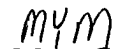
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